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A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The information is given below :—

Name of superintendent.	Qualification.	Pay drawn before appointment as superintendent.
		RS.
	Development Department.	
M.R.Ry. V. S. Mahadeva Ayyar Avargal, Manager, office of the Director of Industries.	B.A., Revenue Test, Criminal Judicial Test, Account Test, Survey Training, Revenue Inspector's Training, previous experience as clerk for nearly 12 years and as Superintendent for six months in the Secretariat.	240
	Finance (Marine) Section.	
M.R.Ry. K. Appuswami Ayyar, Head clerk, Presidency Port office.	S.S.L.C.; Book-keeping, Theory and Practice of Commerce (Inter.), Typewriting (Ele.), Account Test (First Class), P.W. Account Test, Port Department Test, 17 years' experience in various offices in the Marine department.	135

Local Fund Audit

Half-yearly audit of the accounts of taluk boards.

* 131 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government contemplate introducing the system of half-yearly audit in the case of taluk boards as in the case of municipalities; and

(*b*) whether the Government contemplate including panchayat boards under Local Fund Audit?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) The accounts of such panchayats as were union boards on the 25th August 1930 are audited by the Local Fund Audit department and the accounts of all other panchayats are inspected and checked by Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars. It is not proposed to make any change in the present procedure.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether it is not advisable to extend the Local Fund Audit to the panchayat boards also?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—"It may be advisable, but the number of panchayats is so large and the cost involved may be so heavy for them to bear that it has not been considered necessary to extend this system to them also."

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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Are not the panchayats spending more money than the regular union boards?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. Stokes:—"Notice, Sir."

Local Self-Government

Reasons for the supersession of the Bezwada Municipal Council.

* 132 *Q.*—Rai Sahib C. Kolanda Reddi: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) why the Bezwada municipality was superseded;

(*b*) whether it was because it failed to pass its budget before 31st March 1933;

(*c*) how many and which of the municipalities and local boards did not pass their budgets before 31st March 1933;

(*d*) why were they not superseded and why was Bezwada municipality alone singled out for supersession;

(*e*) what the date was of supersession of the Bezwada municipality and what the date was of the Kistna District Board elections;

(*f*) when was the order of supersession passed and when was it notified in the Gazette;

(*g*) whether it is not a fact that the budget of the Bezwada municipality was passed soon after the notice to show cause why it should not be superseded was served on it;

(*h*) whether it is not a fact that 20 out of 32 councillors, who formed chairman's party put in a petition that the Council should not be superseded, especially in view of the fact that a Commissioner was shortly to be appointed;

(*i*) whether a deputation waited on the Chief Minister at Ootacamund and showed cause why the Council should not be superseded; and

(*j*) whether the failure to pass the budget before the end of March was the sole ground mentioned in the notice to show cause why the Council should not be superseded?

A.—(*a*) The grounds on which the Bezwada Municipal Council was superseded are stated in G.O. No. 1387, L. & M., dated 7th April 1933, and paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 1589, L. & M., dated 25th April 1933. Copies of the orders referred to are placed on the table.[a]

(*b*) One of the several reasons was that the council persistently refused to pass the budget for 1933–34, in spite of a clear warning from Government.

(*c*) So far as information is available, eight municipalities (Guntur, Bezwada, Palni, Palacole, Vizagapatam, Vaniyambadi, Tiruppattur and Chittoor), four District Boards (East Godavari, Madura, Malabar and Nellore) and fourteen taluk boards did not pass their budgets before 31st March 1933.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on pages 123–125 infra.